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Interview Summary	Application No. 08/779,460	Applicant(s) Goddijn et al.
	Examiner Ousama Zaghmout	Group Art Unit 1649

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview Oct 28, 1999

Type: Telephonic Personal (copy is given to applicant applicant's representative).

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: Yes No. If yes, brief description:

Agreement was reached. was not reached.

Claim(s) discussed: all

Identification of prior art discussed:

Kendell et al.

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

1. To repon prosecution on the case by presenting to the attorney a new restriction requirement.

2. Discussing the scope of the claims drawn to the specificity of the chemical inhibitors.

3. Discussing changes in the language of claim 1 by making it more specific and directed to the invention as enabled by the specification with regard to particular transgene (s) and their source, and plant type.

4. The attorney will elect after checking with the client. The attorney is invited to submit a "preliminary" response and amendment reflecting the election. Arguments regarding enablement to be considered upon receipt of written response.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

6.2 *10/28/99* 1. It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview.

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2. Since the Examiner's interview summary above (including any attachments) reflects a complete response to each of the objections, rejections and requirements that may be present in the last Office action, and since the claims are now allowable, this completed form is considered to fulfill the response requirements of the last Office action. Applicant is not relieved from providing a separate record of the interview unless box 1 above is also checked.

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PROPOSAL FOR INTERVIEW

Sir:

The courtesy of Examiner Ousama M-Faiz Zaghmout in arranging for an interview with the undersigned for October 28, 1999 at 9:00 a.m. is gratefully acknowledged. Applicants propose the following amended claim 1 for discussion at the interview:

Claim 1 (amended) A process for increasing [producing] trehalose levels in plants or plant parts [plant cells] capable of producing trehalase endogenously and which plants or plant parts comprise [by growing plant] cells having the genetic information required for the production of trehalose [and trehalase], said process comprising inhibiting endogenous trehalase activity within the cells with a trehalase inhibitor and selecting plants or plant parts which have increased trehalose levels. [or cultivating a plant or a part thereof comprising such plant cells, characterized in that said plant cells are grown or said plant or part thereof, is cultivated in the presence of a trehalase inhibitor.]

REMARKS

The proposed amended claim recites that the process increases the trehalose levels (see specification at page 1, line 5 and Examples 1 ,2, 3 and 8). The proposed amended claim also recites that it is the endogenous trehalase activity that is inhibited (see specification at page 5, line 20 - 23). The step of selection of plants having increased levels of trehalose is disclosed at, for example, page 13, lines 3 - 5 and Examples 1, 2, 3 and 8.

The Applicant proposes to discuss the proposed claim with respect to the present grounds for rejection. Applicant also proposes to discuss the restriction requirement.

Respectfully submitted,

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